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B. MPFR VIENNA 287 DTG 071101Z JUN 77

1. WE WANT FRG TO UNDERSTAND SERIOUSNESS WE ATTACH TO NEED TO MOVE AHEAD IN MPFR DATA DISCUSSION IN VIENNA. SOME FORM OF DISAGGREGATION WHICH PERMITS NATIONAL TOTALS TO BE DERIVED IS KEY TO THIS MOVEMENT. WITHOUT IT, WE

BELIEVE IT ALMOST CERTAIN THAT SOVIETS WILL REJECT ALTERNATIVE APPROACHES (E.G., CURRENT GERMAN APPROACH). HOWEVER, EVEN SHOULD THEY AGREE TO PROCEED WITH DISCUSSION PASED ON GERMAN APPROACH, 'E WOULD BE UNLIKELY TO BE ABLE TO FULLY IDENTIFY THE DISCREPANCY BETWEEN EASTERN AND WESTERN FIGURES, THUS FRUSTRATING THE ALLIANCE'S EFFORT TO REACH THE COMMON UNDERSTANDING ON DATA/DEFINITIONS, WHICH IS A KEY TO THE CONCEPT OF THE MANPOWER COMMON CEILING. NOR WOULD WE OBTAIN A SOVIET TOTAL FOR PHASE 1 NEGOTIATIONS.

- 2. THERE MUST BE NO DOUBT ABOUT US FIRMNESS IN SUPPORT OF THE FRG ON PARITY, THE COMMON CEILING, AND COLLECTIVITY. WE DO NOT BELIEVE OUR PRO,OSED APPROACH TO THE DATA DISCUSSION ENDANGERS IN ANY WAY THESE ELEMENTS.
 3. FOR BONN: YOU SHOULD DISCUSS OUR VIEWS WITH RUECKRIEGEL, DRAWING ON ABOVE, AS WELL AS APPROPRIATE ARGUMENTS IN REFS A AND P. YOU SHOULD AVOID, HOWEVER, FORCING GERMANS INTO A DEFENSIVE AND INFLEXIBLE POSITION.
- 4. FOR LONDON: YOU SHOULD INFORM UK OF THIS INSTRUCTION. VANCE

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